

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATORS LAFLEUR AND MICHOT AND REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON,
LORUSSO AND ROY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. John E. Lemoine for his work with healthcare and physician liability.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. John E. Lemoine for his work with healthcare and physician liability.

3 WHEREAS, the men and women who attend to the sick and those in need of
4 healthcare are to be held in the highest esteem for their dedication and charity toward their
5 fellow citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, John E. Lemoine was born in Cottonport, Louisiana, and received a
7 Bachelor of Science degree from Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama, and a medical
8 degree from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Lemoine served as a resident physician during the Vietnam War,
10 as a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, served at Fort Polk Army installation
11 in Vernon Parish and Fort Sam Houston Army installation in San Antonio, Texas, and in
12 1970, Captain Lemoine was assigned as the post surgeon at Pine Bluff Arsenal Army
13 installation in Jefferson County, Arkansas, where he received the Army Commendation
14 Medal for his exemplary leadership and was promoted to Major, serving until his honorable
15 discharge; and

16 WHEREAS, he moved to Bunkie, Louisiana, in Avoyelles Parish and conducted a
17 family medical practice which lasted more than thirty years; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Lemoine is a member of the National Association of Corporate

1 Directors and the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, serving on both the Civil
2 Justice Reform Council and the Health Care Task Force, and has been a member of the
3 Louisiana State Medical Society, the Avoyelles Parish Medical Society, the American
4 Medical Association, and the American College of Physician Executives; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to his medical practice and membership in professional
6 organizations, Dr. Lemoine joined the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company
7 shortly after its founding in 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company,
9 he served as chairman of the board for sixteen years, president and CEO, and as of January
10 1, 2011, he stepped down as Chairman, but he remains an active member of LAMMICO's
11 board of directors and continues to tirelessly advocate positive changes in the state's Medical
12 Malpractice Act by working closely with state legislators and officials in the healthcare
13 industry; and

14 WHEREAS, as a physician and healthcare insurance official, Dr. Lemoine has been
15 instrumental in changes to several state laws to improve the medical malpractice
16 environment in the state, such as changing the Medical Review Panel process by requiring
17 plaintiffs to file fees, mandating that patients make specific allegations in claims, and
18 modifying the "loser pay system", and he is also responsible for the "I'm Sorry" law which
19 encourages physicians and patient communication; and

20 WHEREAS, because of his efforts, the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance
21 Company has experienced a significant decrease in claim frequency, resulting, for the first
22 time since 1991, in decreased rates for the years 2005, 2007, and 2009, and for the first time
23 in its history, the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company has declared dividends to
24 be paid to its policyholders for four consecutive years; and

25 WHEREAS, because of his dedication to the many patients he serves, as well as his
26 physician colleagues, Dr. Lemoine has been instrumental in making sure that the citizens of
27 Louisiana are better able to receive quality medical care.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend Dr. John E. Lemoine for his dedication in serving the healthcare needs of his
30 many patients, and as a tireless advocate for just and fair physician liability laws in the state.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
2 John E. Lemoine.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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